

January 12

1 Peter 1:4,5

“Kept By The Power of God”



⁴To an inheritance incorruptible,
and undefiled, and that fadeth not
away, reserved in heaven for you,

⁵Who **are kept by the power
of God through faith** unto salvation
ready to be revealed **in the last time**.

Question:

How does the true Believer view salvation?

Answer:

We, true Believers, know we are **kept**,
not by our own power, but rather **by
the power of God** through faith
all the way to eternal salvation.

There is a religious hymn entitled,
“Kept by the Power of God”.
Everything seems fine except
there may be an issue with
the chorus lyrics:

*We are kept by the power of God
We are kept by the power of God
By trusting, obeying, by watching and praying,
We are kept by the power of God.*

Initially, that may all seem fine—even

wholesome.

However,

are we

kept by the
power of
God **ALONE**

or are we
kept by the
power of
God **AND**,
“by trusting,
obeying, by
watching
and
praying”?

As subtle as
it is, the
doctrine of

“faith

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1. We are kept by the pow-er and fa-vor of God From all the do-
2. We are kept by the pow-er of God thro' faith, So long as we
3. We are kept by the pow-er of God if we trust, We nev-er need
4. We are kept by the pow-er of God each day, The sto-ry of

min-ion of sin; He cleans-eth by faith in his own precious blood,
walk in the light; Our help-er is Je-sus who faith-ful-ly saith,
faint by the way; Then do as he bids you, his coun-sel is just,
grace we'll re-peat; Thro' him we are con-quer-ors if we o-bey,

CHORUS.

His spir-it is reign-ing with-in. We are kept by the pow-er of
"I'm with you by day and by night."
Be hum-ble, be watch-ful, and pray.
The foe we will ev-er de-feat. the

God,..... We are kept by the pow-er of God;..... By
pow-er of God, the pow-er of God,

trust-ing, o-bey-ing, By watching and praying, We are kept by the power of God.

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plus” as opposed to **“faith alone”** seems to be embedded right into the song.

Of course there’s nothing at all wrong with trusting, obeying, watching, and praying.

Those are all scripturally sound actions.

Nonetheless, are those actions, in addition to faith, the way we are kept?

Are there any actions, behaviors, or works, in addition to faith, necessary for gaining or maintaining salvation?

So you’ll start out with faith (spiritual), then think you need to continue with some work (flesh)?

Galatians 3:3

Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now **made perfect** by the flesh?

The Believer does, indeed, trust,
obey, watch, as well as pray,
but he or she will need to
determine whether or not those
actions are **products of, or
instead requirements for,**
being saved and being kept.

Are we **kept by the power of
God through faith** ALONE?

If the lyrics of the chorus were:
“*We are trusting, obeying.
We are watching and praying...*”

That may be more accurate
according to some scriptural
verses such as this one.

Changing those lyrics in that
way would eliminate the slightest
suggestion that Believers are
kept BY, or as a result of,
doing those listed things.

We are doing those things, but
are we kept *because of* (or *by*)
those things (through faith)
along with being
kept by the power of God?

Let's keep our spiritual ears open
that we may continue to be
guided BY THE POWER OF GOD.